



Pictured in the rear is Monument Street Baptist Church, where Lottie Moon was once a member. The church was

established in Tengchow, now called Penglai, by T. P. Crawford, a missionary who preceded Miss Moon.

Tour group discovers land of Lottie Moon

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP) — A group of Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union leaders traveled to China in late June and early July to lay plans for upcoming tours.

It turned out to be a trip back in time to the days of Lottie Moon.

The group was able to trace Christianity from the famed Southern Baptist missionary's era to today's open churches and to lay the groundwork for visits between Southern Baptists and Chinese Christians.

They found the villages and buildings where Moon lived and worked in the Shandong Province. They walked the same land she once walked and met descendants of her converts and friends. They discovered her home in Penglai and visited with the current residents.

They found the still-standing hospital compound where Moon was taken when the other missionaries

discovered she was starving to death out of empathy for the hungry Chinese. Like a West Texas ghost town, the hospital stood silent, surgical masks and beds as they were left nearly 40 years ago.

They stood inside the church she attended and saw the ruins of the first church she had founded.

The group of 12 Baptists became the first foreigners in many decades to enter some of those villages, located in a part of the world that has been closed for more than a generation to most foreigners.

WMU is coordinating its tour plans with Cooperative Services International, an office of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board created by Southern Baptists to assist Christians or relate to Christians in countries where missionaries do not work.

The work of Lottie Moon and other (Continued on page 7)

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FMB, Mozambique Baptists team up to fight famine

By Marty Croll

MAPUTO, Mozambique (BP) — Jim Brock began his first term as a Southern Baptist missionary just in time to watch one of the world's most dramatic modern-day famines played out in front of him.

Until now Brock has been powerless to help. But as a result of meetings in early July between officials of the Mozambique Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and about a dozen government offices, Brock will begin to coordinate a major relief program for the country.

Demanding at least \$1 million in Southern Baptist hunger relief money, the proposed plan is part of a bigger project in and around Mozambique.

Southern Baptist relief funds also will be used in bordering countries to help starving Mozambicans spilling out of their homeland. Southern Baptists are looking for a two-year coordinator to be stationed in Harare, Zimbabwe, to plan overall hunger relief, said John Faulkner, Foreign Mission Board director for eastern and southern Africa.

Official statistics compiled by the Mozambique government show 2.2 million people either have been uprooted from their homes or are severely undernourished because of the famine and fighting, said John Cheyne, the board's hunger relief

planner. However, the United Nations has estimated 4.5 million people face starvation. Solid figures are difficult to secure, because at least 1 million people are said to be inaccessible, surrounded by internal strife.

The first six months on the field as a missionary have not been easy for Brock, a former pastor from Alabama. He has been deeply grieved by what he has seen since he arrived in Mozambique early this year with his wife, Brenda, and their 5-year-old daughter, Paige.

The Brocks are the only Southern Baptist missionaries living in Mozambique. People are starving all around them. Food in the marketplace is scarce and expensive. Some of the nation's most fertile land and valuable enterprises have been destroyed, and families have been uprooted in fighting between rebel Mozambicans and the government. The rebels have blocked attempts to distribute food to rural areas.

Through the Mozambique Baptist Convention, Brock will develop cooking and serving methods to feed homeless children uprooted in famine and civil strife. By organizing a model feeding station at First Baptist Church of Maputo, he will train Mozambican Baptists to run about a dozen feeding programs in five cities.

He also will begin planning a \$350,000 program through which an armed convoy accompanied by a national Baptist monitor will distribute seed and hand-held farming tools to 5,000 families in the Chibuto region north of Maputo. Southern Baptists are choosing to distribute seed instead of food because civil disruption makes it unsafe to transport or store large quantities of food outside urban areas. In fact, convoys run by the government into rural areas frequently are attacked by hit-and-run bands of rebels.

If the Chibuto seed program proves successful, Baptists will duplicate it in other areas with groups of 5,000 families each, Cheyne said. Under the program, the government will give each family three acres of land to cultivate.

Cheyne accompanied Brock and Bento Bartolomeu Matusse, president of the Mozambique Baptist Convention and pastor of First Baptist Church of Maputo, to meet with government officials in early July. They visited government offices, including the Department for Prevention of Calamities, the Agriculture Ministry and the Gaza Province governor's office.

They also flew to Xai Xai, capital of the province where seed distribution (Continued on page 5)

Fuller will suggest course in September

By Dan Martin

ROANOKE, Va. (BP) — Charles Fuller said he will offer "suggestions" of ways in which the Southern Baptist Convention Peace Committee will carry out its extended assignment when the SBC Executive Committee meets Sept. 21-23.

Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church here, was chairman of the 22-member group created at the 1985 annual meeting of the SBC and charged with discovering the sources of the controversy in the 14.6-million-member denomination and making findings and recommendations. It made its final report to the 1987 annual meeting, but asked for continuation of up to three years to monitor responses to the recommendations.

Fuller told Baptist Press two of the committee's recommendations "are most at issue. One is Recommendation Five, wherein we called on denominational agencies to build their professional staffs in the future from persons who reflect the dominant theological convictions of Southern Baptists at large. The other is Recommendation Ten, which extended the Peace Committee for the

purpose of following up on the recommendations for not more than three years," he said.

Recommendation Ten continues the 22-member Peace Committee "to serve for up to, but not to exceed, three years for the purpose of observing the response of all agencies, officers, and other participants to the recommendations . . . in an effort to encourage compliance and foster harmonious working relationships among all segments of our Baptist family."

Fuller told Baptist Press: "Right now, my feelings are not dissimilar to how I felt after the Peace Committee was created in 1985. Then, I did not want to try to meet quickly; immediately after the convention. I wanted to let some things settle down. We did not meet until August of 1985.

"Now, I think it is best to give the convention a little more time to get some things behind us before we start trying to follow up.

"What I have to think through is how we will communicate with the agencies and how they will com- (Continued on page 4)

Texas Baptist remains hostage in Mozambique

DALLAS (BP) — Southern Baptist Kindra Bryan remains a hostage of the Mozambique right wing rebels, who seized seven foreigners in mid May.

Bryan was part of a Youth with a Mission team working on a farm in a central province of Mozambique when she was seized.

Although the rebels announced on May 20 the seven whites would be

freed, they have remained captives.

A spokesman from Second Baptist Church of Houston, where Bryan is a member, stated the church staff received a telex the weekend of July 18 and 19 confirming Bryan's well-being.

Negotiations are continuing for the release of the hostages with hopes of the situation's being resolved in the near future.

Fuller will suggest course in September

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municate with us, what forum we will use and how they will report."

Fuller added the Peace Committee will have only one meeting, probably in the spring. "One of the seminaries (Southern) has only one trustee meeting per year and that will be in April. It would be foolish for us to have a meeting before all of the trustees have met."

He added he has written to members of the Peace Committee outlining his plan to announce suggested procedures in September, and also will write chief executive officers of all 20 national agencies a similar message.

"I plan to offer some proposals, some suggested approaches. I do not want to presume I will be the one to decide all of the things necessary for the continuation, but I will offer some suggestions," he said.

Fuller commented on the continuation of the Peace Committee: "We are aware that continuation of the committee — or even the creation of a new committee — has the risk of being an unbaptistic procedure. I have my own discomfort with the idea. But, we felt our task was to promote reconciliation, and we were the best group to handle the follow up because creation of a new group could have created another issue of contention by passing that responsibility on to the Executive Committee."

He said the procedures which have been in place since the beginning remain in place. "We know we report to the Executive Committee and to the convention in session. That procedure of accountability remains in place."

Honor Trustee process

We also were instructed to honor the trustee process, and that likewise will be honored, as it has been from the beginning."

Fuller also commented on Recommendation Five, which deals with theological issues. Part of the recommendation is that "trustees determine the theological positions of the seminary administrators and faculty members . . ." and another part calls on "institutions . . . in the future to build their professional staffs and faculties from those who clearly reflect . . . (the) dominant convictions and beliefs held by Southern Baptists at large."

The chairman said: "Some people have been under the impression the recommendation is aimed at the seminaries alone. That is not true. It is an across-the-board recommendation. I know that sitting in the meetings and presiding over the committee, no one thought the recommendation was aimed only at the seminary presidents or faculty."

"I am aware the seminaries have been at the eye of the storm, and there is an obvious application to them, but we did not singularize on the seminaries. The recommendation is directed at all of the agencies."

The report, he added, is aimed at the future and not directed at the past.

"The thrust of the report is to the future, and the wording is very specific that the Peace Committee calls upon agencies, in the future, to build their professional staffs from people whose position on doctrinal matters is in keeping with the positions of Southern Baptists at large."

He said the committee did not intend a list of "examples" to be a "checklist" by which current or future staff members would be tested or interrogated.

"Members of the Peace Committee understand the fear of creedalism and the impropriety of theological checklists," he said. "We took great pains to address those fears in the wording of our report. We used the four items in the findings section with great care, and said they reflect what we think most Southern Baptists believe about the Baptist Faith and Message Statement on Scripture."

Explanation of BFMS

"We listed those four things as 'examples.' However, in listing examples, we were convinced that the time had come, if we were to progress toward peace, where we had to give an explanation of the Baptist Faith and Message Statement on Scripture," he said.

The report section on theological findings indicates the Peace Committee "found that most Southern Baptists see 'truth without any mixture of error for its matter,' as meaning, for example, that '(1) They believe in direct creation of mankind and therefore they believe Adam and Eve were real persons. (2) They believe the named authors did indeed write the biblical books attributed to them by those books. (3) They believe the miracles described in Scripture did indeed occur as supernatural events in history. (4) They believe that the historical narratives given by biblical authors are indeed accurate and reliable as given by those authors.'"

In the interview with Baptist Press Fuller also:

— Declined comment on recent remarks by Home Mission Board President Larry Lewis which seem to indicate the report will be applied to current as well as future staff members.

"I have not seen his (Lewis') remarks and am unfamiliar with what he said. If I had a copy of the remarks before me, I am not sure it would appropriate for me to respond since Dr. Lewis is responsible for the agency which he leads and he must work with his own trustees."

Fuller reiterated, however, that the thrust of the Peace Committee report is toward the future and not the past.

— Said he assumes the procedures which have governed the Peace Committee from the beginning "will stay intact. The committee did not specifically deal with some of those things, but I assume the rules will remain the same."

That procedure would include the Executive Committee's naming a replacement for W. Winfred Moore of

Amarillo, Texas, who resigned following the committee's report, in disagreement with the continuation of the group.

Previously, the Executive Committee named a replacement for a committee member who resigned.

Funding will remain the same, equally shared by all agencies.

Committee policies which name Fuller as chief spokesman and encourage members to protect the confidentiality of committee discussions will remain in place, he said.

Dan Martin is BP news editor.

Book Reviews

Illustrated Sermon Outlines; J. B. Fowler Jr.; Broadman Press, Nashville, Tenn.; 132 pages; paperback; \$4.95.

J. B. Fowler Jr. is public relations director of New Mexico Baptists and editor of the Baptist New Mexican, the Baptist paper for the state. He is a former pastor of First Church, McComb, and a former chairman of the Baptist Record Advisory Committee.

In this book Fowler has presented 60 sermon outlines and introduced each outline with an appropriate illustration. His illustrations are well thought out and meaningful, and there is one for use at the conclusion of each message also. The illustrations are taken from the lives of well-known people.

This can be a very valuable little book for the library of any pastor, for it presents the possibilities of many sermon suggestions and the outlines to go with the suggestions if they are needed; and it puts the applicable illustrations right there where they are needed.

The foreword for the book was written by Winfred Moore, pastor of First Church, Amarillo, Texas, and former first vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention. In his foreword Moore says the book "is an outstanding collection of sermon helps, designed to induce creative thought and development on the one hand while offering superior illustrations and outlines on the other. The treatment of familiar passages is original and fresh." — DTM

Dantin lottery position

Bill Barrett, campaign manager for Maurice Dantin, candidate for governor, has called the Baptist Record and apologized for the fact that the Baptist Record's recent poll on lottery positions was not answered by Dantin's office. He noted that while the inquiry evidently was misplaced, Dantin is definitely opposed to a lottery in the state. Dantin himself was on a store-to-store campaign effort and unavailable.

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CLC executive director outlines priority issues

By Ken Camp

DALLAS (BP) — Abortion, AIDS, pornography, and medical ethics are priority issues the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission needs to address, a group of North Texas pastors told CLC Executive Director Larry Baker July 20.

Baker said the Tarrant Baptist Association pastors' conference at First Baptist Church of Arlington, Texas, was one of many such meetings he has held with Southern Baptists in his first four months at the CLC helm.

"My commitment is to be as responsive to and representative of Southern Baptists and their concerns as is humanly possible," he said, noting one goal has been to identify "stress points" and issues of concern to Southern Baptists.

James T. Draper Jr., former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of First Baptist Church of Euless, Texas, expressed thanks for the commission's increased emphasis on abortion during Baker's tenure, saying: "I appreciate what has been done in the area of abortion during the last four months. I would like to see the Christian Life Commission continue to develop resources that are strongly pro-life."

Baker acknowledged the commission has taken a "highly visible and active course of action in the last four months" on abortion. He said conversations with the executive director search committee led him to see the need for the CLC to take a more aggressive stance on abortion.

He noted the commission sponsored a consultation on abortion May 28-29 in St. Louis involving 24 representatives from 15 states, and the CLC will sponsor an Aug. 31-Sept. 1 seminar on abortion in Nashville "to help us understand, address and deal with the issue and to help us minister to people caught up in the issue."

In response to a question on AIDS, Baker said the commission has just begun to develop a strategy for dealing with the crisis. He noted the first step has been to secure permission to reprint an edited version of the surgeon general's report on AIDS.

Addressing the pornography issue, James E. Bass, pastor of Richland Hills Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, suggested the CLC "would hear an 'amen' from all over the convention" if it would give official endorsement to Donald Wildmon's National Federation for Decency. (NFD is based in Tupelo.)

While stopping short of endorsing

that particular organization, Baker noted the commission is in the process of developing new resources on pornography and obscenity that should be available by Oct. 1.

Baker also agreed with one pastor that the commission needs to continue to examine the entire range of issues related to medical ethics, from organ transplants to euthanasia.

Ken Camp writes for Texas Baptists.

Missouri inerrancy fellowship disbands in peace interest

By Bob Terry

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP) — Missouri's Inerrancy Fellowship has announced that it is disbanding.

The action is a direct response to the Southern Baptist Convention Peace Committee's request that "all political factions . . . discontinue the organized political activity in which they are now engaged," said David Baker, president of the Inerrancy Fellowship and pastor of First Baptist Church of Belton, Mo.

"We do not want to be part of the problem," Baker said in a telephone interview with Word and Way, news-journal of the Missouri Baptist Convention.

"We are not satisfied with the way things are, but at least our concerns are being addressed." Members of the fellowship do feel that progress is being made in solving identified problems, he noted.

Baker described the recent SBC annual meeting as "a breath of fresh air. Now we want to let the conservative shift take its course. We do not want to force the issue."

In keeping with the announcement, Baker said the fellowship will not hold any more meetings or send mailouts to about 300 pastors on its mailing list.

The last meeting sponsored by the group was in late May prior to the SBC annual meeting. That meeting attracted about 65 people, Baker said. It was the fellowship's only statewide meeting during the past 18 months, he added.

Baker emphasized that he was not saying political activity in the state would cease, only that actions would now be by individuals who speak out because of convictions.

Bob Terry edits the Missouri Baptist Word and Way.



Practicing in Glorieta

GLORIETA, N.M. — DeVona Ladner (right), state Bible drill winner from Heidelberg Church, Heidelberg, practices with other winners during the Church Training Leadership Conference here. From left are Robbie McDuffie, First Southern Church, Hawthorne, Nev., Stephanie Lee, First Chinese Church, Los Angeles, Calif., and Ladner. State conventions and the Sunday School Board's Church Training department sponsor the Bible drill events. (BSSB photo by Terri Lackey)

FMB and Mozambique join to fight hunger

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is proposed, and drove to a government orphanage called the Center for Education in Chihango, where several hundred children ages 8 to 18 were being housed, fed and educated.

As the men arrived at the center, a Swedish humanitarian worker was on her way into Maputo to plead with Mozambique officials for food. "They virtually had no food left," said Cheyne. "They showed us the empty bins where they had had some flour. The rice was gone, and the beans were gone."

I shared our testimony that we were sent by our Lord and were there in the name of Jesus, because we care." The center will be one of seven feeding stations for children around Maputo.

Besides providing for hungry people in Mozambique, Southern Baptists are planning how to help displaced Mozambicans in Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Africa and Swaziland. To gauge the severity of the problem, Cheyne met in late June in Harare, Zimbabwe, with Brock and missionary representatives from those nations.

About 220,000 Mozambicans have surged across the border into Malawi, and relief officials expect that number might total 400,000 by year's end, missionary Ed Barnes told the group. Barnes, director of Southern Baptist relief efforts in Malawi, will

explore a self-help program through which Baptists could provide for Mozambican families working to redevelop fields and settle in the southern part of Malawi.

In Zambia, missionary relief director Delos Brown said he would study how to provide food and seed assistance to two refugee camps near the border.

Most of the 120,000 refugees estimated to be in the country fled from neighboring Angola, so it is difficult to determine how many are actually Mozambicans, Cheyne said.

About 50,000 other Mozambicans have sought refuge in South Africa, Swaziland and Zimbabwe. They are pouring into Swaziland, a tiny nation at the southern tip of Mozambique, at a rate of about 1,000 a month. Zimbabwe has kept its border tight and allowed in only about 5,000 Mozambicans.

Mozambicans in South Africa, officially called "crossovers," are filtering into local villages and being absorbed by tribes. Missionary Terry Blakley, relief coordinator for Southern Baptist work in the country, said Southern Baptists could team up with a council including the International and South African Red Cross organizations, Salvation Army, a group of French doctors and others. The council was formed just to help "crossovers."

Islam: Britain's fastest growing

LONDON, England (EP) — While adherence to Great Britain's state church is declining, the Muslim faith is quickly growing, according to The Economist.

Only about 1.5 million of Great Britain's 22 million baptized Anglicans regularly observe their faith. By contrast nearly a million faithful

Muslims worship regularly in Great Britain, and the number of mosques has grown to 314, from less than a dozen in 1960. There are now more Muslims than Methodists and Baptists combined.

Active Christians of all persuasions have dropped from 7.5 million to 7 million since 1980.

Mrs. A. L. Goodrich, widow of former BR editor, dies

Mrs. A. L. (Evie) Goodrich, 90, died July 26, 1987, at Hinds General Hospital, Jackson. Services were held at 11 a.m. July 28 at Wright & Ferguson Funeral Home chapel, Jackson, with burial in the Clinton Cemetery.

She was the widow of A. L. Goodrich, who was editor of the Baptist Record from 1942 until the time of his death in 1956.

Mrs. Goodrich, a native of Pickens, was a longtime resident of Clinton. She was a graduate of Mississippi College and the Woman's Missionary Training School in Louisville, Ky. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Clinton and was the founder and chairman of First Baptist Church Kindergarten for a number of years. She was also a former public school teacher, and had worked for 6½ years for the Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi.

She is survived by her daughters, Mrs. Launa Ling and Mrs. Rose Ellen Amesano, both of Atlanta; Mrs. Thyra Shields of Miami; and Mrs. Jean Housman of Decatur, Ga.; son, John Wright Goodrich of Highlands, N.C.; sister, Mrs. Louella Crawford of Clinton; 12 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Tallahatchie pastor, Matthew L. Greer, dies

Matthew L. Greer, a retired pastor living in Tallahatchie County, died July 27. He was 75 years of age. Greer had been pastor of the Paynes Church and the Corinth Church, from which pastorate he retired. He also had been a pastor in Florida. He was a member of First Church, Charleston.

Greer was a native of South Carolina. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, and a son.

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Paid assassin unable to shoot Christian

VITORIA, Brazil (BP) — Assassinations are common in parts of Brazil, but a paid assassin was unable to shoot a Christian he had stalked for three days.

Valter Custodio Dias, a Baptist in Vitoria, was walking along a downtown sidewalk. A paid assassin met Dias face to face, and the expression on the assassin's face caused Dias to stop, said Southern Baptist missionary Kent Faris.

The professional killer said bluntly: "You're not the one. I have been trying to kill you for three days, and I haven't been able to succeed."

Dias was stunned by what he heard. "Why have you tried to kill me?" he

asked.

"You're not the man I was hired to kill. You look like him, and I almost made a big mistake," the killer explained.

"You always were in some place hidden, or a car passed in front of you, or someone else stood between us. I just couldn't get a good shot at you. I really tried to kill you, but something always came between us."

Dias regained some composure. "You couldn't kill me because God would not permit it," he said. "I am a believer in Jesus Christ, and the Bible says, 'The angel of the Lord surrounds those who fear him and frees us.'"

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The Mississippi Mission

"Deferred" gifts play a role in success

By Robert K. Autry Jr.

When most potential donors think of making a contribution to the Mississippi Mission, they confine their thoughts to cash gifts, or gifts of "present interest." They usually overlook an equally important opportunity to make deferred gifts, or gifts of "future interest." Simply stated, a deferred gift is one made today but which will not actually become available in cash until the occurrence of some specified future date or event.

Two deferred giving techniques, one involving investment in government bonds and the other involving life insurance, are very popular among donors. Both techniques rely upon a concept called "leveraging" which takes a relatively small current cash gift and converts it into a future gift which is many times larger. Let's examine each technique in a little more detail.

Several years ago conservative American investors were introduced to a new investment vehicle termed a "zero coupon Treasury Bond." As the name implies these are government issued bonds which do not bear interest coupons, and thus do not provide their buyers with regularly scheduled interest payments. Instead of paying interest, the bonds are sold at deep discounts and over their lives grow in value from their discounted price at purchase to their full maturity value of \$1,000. For example, a \$1,000 bond maturing in May, 2007 can be bought today for about \$173. Over its twenty-year maturity life the bond value grows from \$173 (the current cost) to its full \$1,000 face value.

The market for zero coupon Treasury Bonds is large and flexible. A purchaser can buy a bond maturing in almost any year he chooses from two to over twenty. The purchase price for a bond will depend upon the interest rates prevailing at the date of purchase and upon the maturity period selected. Longer maturity bonds obviously demand lower prices. The following table represents a sample of bond prices available in mid July, 1987.

Seminary uses Bible to teach German

BUCKOW — The Buckow Baptist Seminary is offering a new course entitled, "Learning German with the Bible." The two-week course is a pilot project designed to help pastors and others from socialist countries to learn German. "They need the German language in order to read and understand theological language," says course professor Lothar Voigt, who teaches German, English and Latin to seminary students. He is also pastor of the Bernau Baptist Church near Berlin.

This year's course enrolled some twelve students from Poland and Czechoslovakia and is intended for those with some knowledge of German. "Together we read Bible passages and then we discuss their meaning," explains Voigt.

Maturity Date	Maturity Period	Maturity Value	Purchase Price
May, 1992	5 years	\$1,000	\$678
May, 1997	10 years	\$1,000	\$425
May, 2002	15 years	\$1,000	\$270
May, 2007	20 years	\$1,000	\$173

How can such bonds benefit the Mississippi Mission and its individual or corporate donors? First, all gifts regardless of their size and maturity, are important to the endowment campaign. Remember, the endowment fund is a permanent trust; and, once established, its principal value will never be disturbed except, hopefully, by the steady addition of many deferred gifts.

Most importantly, donors have an excellent opportunity to leverage modest current cash gifts into very meaningful deferred gifts to the endowment trust. For example, assume

your church family desires strongly to support the campaign but has concluded that a \$1,000 per year cash gift is all the membership and the church budget can afford. Within this budgetary limit, the church can either subscribe (1) a pure cash commitment of \$5,000 (5 years @ \$1,000) or (2) a deferred giving commitment of as much as \$28,000. The \$28,000 commitment is underwritten by buying 28 bonds maturing in May, 2007 at a cash purchase price of \$173 each, or a total of \$4,844. The bond purchases would of course have to be spread over five years and bought in \$1,000 increments

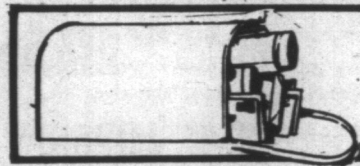
as the cash funds become available. Remember too, that bond prices are subject to change as interest rates change, and the actual number of bonds bought with five \$1,000 cash installments may be more or less than the 28 available at current prices. By using the deferred giving approach the church can multiply the size of its endowment gift by more than five times.

An even greater leveraging opportunity is provided by modern day life insurance products. Many newer policy types, including those classified

as "universal" life or "interest sensitive whole life" provide insurance buyers with the opportunity to pay premiums for only a few years, after which the policy can become self-sustaining. Under favorable underwriting and interest earning assumptions, a donor can limit his premium paying commitment to six years or less and multiply a relatively small current cash gift into a deferred endowment gift of 10, 25, or even 50 times as large. Some sample rates for a modern \$50,000 policy on a "preferred risk" male insurance are as follows:

Insured Age	Annual Premium	Estimated Number Of Payments Required	Total Amount Required	Policy Face Amount
5	178	5	890	50,000
15	244	5	1220	50,000
25	336	5	1680	50,000
35	517	5	2585	50,000
45	837	6	5022	50,000

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Letters to the editor



Letters to the editor must be limited to 300 words and the editor reserves the right to trim those that are longer. Editorial prerogatives must be reserved under all circumstances, and the opinions of the letter writers do not necessarily reflect the views of the staff of the Baptist Record. Only signed letters will be used, but the writer may request that his name be withheld.

Pastors' family trauma

Editor:

Several years ago our family moved from the state of Mississippi where my husband pastored a rural Southern Baptist Church for a number of years and served in various associational positions.

We certainly acknowledge that we are far from perfect people, but after all this time, it is still difficult to understand why a few of these people turned against us so vehemently, other than some misunderstandings concerning a proposed budget. Not one day passes that we don't continue to feel the hurt from those experiences. We now serve in a small, struggling church in another state where my husband also works at another job to make ends meet, after serving nearly a quarter century in full time pastorates.

Not only were we hurt spiritually, and financially devastated, but we have both suffered debilitating physical illnesses related to stress. However, none of these hurts compare to the pain of seeing what all this did to our teenage children. I thank God that they are both saved and received a solid spiritual foundation as children. At present they refuse to have anything to do with the church since they have grown up and are away in school. Unfortunately, they were present at several business meetings where they witnessed many angry words and actions by fellow Christians they admired and thought of as a part of their church family. We cling to the promise of Proverbs 22:6,

knowing that all this happened at a very vulnerable time in their lives.

Let us pray that God will unite us in love in each of our local churches and throughout the entire Southern Baptist Convention. Our time left to witness grows so short, let us not waste precious moments in working against each other rather than for Christ.

Name withheld
by request

Legitimate bases for probing

Editor:

I read several state Baptist papers every week, but invariably enjoy reading yours because, in my view, you, in consistent fashion, honestly struggle to hold this convention debate in objective perspective.

Your recent quote from Dr. E. S. James, another of my favorites, is one that all Southern Baptists ought to memorize.

As to your major question in the editorial (7/9/87), the one as to whether we are right or wrong about the famous "four statements" and your conclusion that "we have decided to cut off any kind of probing wherever the probers probe to see if any additional light can be shed on the scripture," my response is, "Let them, by all means and with all intensity, probe, but let us be sure that their stated probing conclusions are based on demonstrably legitimate bases and not (leftist) probing presuppositions." I sincerely believe no true conservative is fearful of probing; what

troubles many of our folk is that some probing people probe with preconceived and problematic probing devices.

I realize, of course, that preconceptions operate in conservatives; it occurs to me that the burden of proof, however, regarding theological innovations, remains, as always and everywhere and in all things, on the innovators and not the traditionalists.

Thanks for your candor.

Bill Anderson, pastor
Calvary Baptist Church
Clearwater, Fla.

Thank you very much for your very considerate letter and your kind words about our efforts. There is no question but that E. S. James had more influence on my life than can be explained.

And I agree with the remainder of your letter 100 percent. It is very well stated. — Editor

Evangelism with children

Editor:

Bro. Henderson did not say that we should set some rigid age limit before which a child would not be allowed to profess his faith, but I must respond in case he was misunderstood. I was 7 when I accepted Christ. I knew nothing of doctrine and could not have defined atonement, but I knew that I loved Jesus and wanted him to live in my heart.

I remember when little Milton Scarborough came forward during a worship service and Dr. Odle announced that we would take him under the watchcare of the church and love and pray for him. He came again and again. That third time his father came with him as the child through tears told Dr. Odle, "I want to accept Jesus as Savior NOW!" Jesus himself said that unless we came as a little child

we could not enter the kingdom.

When our own children accepted Christ there were no Damascus Road experiences, but we had prayed for 15 years including 3½ years of engagement that, if in our marriage God should bless us with children, they would come to know Christ at an early age. So it was in answer to those prayers that Reece was saved at 8.

Neither of our sons was in church when he prayed to receive Christ. In fact, Glenn accepted Christ during the State Fair where Child Evangelism had a ministry in a trailer. It was some time later before he joined the church at 9, but I praise God that children are encouraged early to receive Christ before the self-consciousness of adolescent years emerges.

We all need to be sensitive to the leadership of the Holy Spirit and try not to "box him in" when it comes to His leadership in the lives of children.

Mary Libby Payne
McLaurin Heights
Baptist Church
Pearl

Holly Springs celebration

Editor:

As chairwoman of the Sesquicentennial Celebration I want to express my deep appreciation for the many articles you published in the Baptist Record. I am sure they were a great help toward our wonderful day that we feel was a success and glorified our Lord.

We all thank you.

I have a copy of the Baptist Record published in 1937. We were taking it before 1937. I've loved and enjoyed it all these years. You are publishing a great paper. It means a lot to me. Thank you for all your favors.

Marie Sandusky
Holly Springs

Tour group discovers land of Lottie Moon

(Continued from page 3)

missionaries lives on in today's China, said Catherine Allen, national WMU associate executive director, author of "The New Lottie Moon Story," and tour leader. "Some villages seemed exactly as Miss Moon left them."

The efforts to locate Moon's territory of ministry led Allen back into six file drawers of research for the Moon book. When she wrote the book in 1980, travel in Shandong Province was not permitted.

The efforts also led her to the archives of the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va. There, she uncovered maps of mission work — including one sent back to the United States by Moon in the 1880s. Using those maps, the group was able to locate rural villages and city buildings.

It is to those same cities and villages that WMU officials plan to take hundreds of Southern Baptists in 1988 and 1989 to commemorate the centennial of WMU and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions.

The tours could include stops at Jinan, Weifang, Tianan, Pingdu, Shaling, Li Tze Yuen, Huangxian, Penglai, Yantai (formerly Chefoo), Ye Xian (formerly Laichow) and Qingdao (formerly Tsingdao), as well as the more commonly known cities of Shanghai, Beijing, Guilin (formerly Kwelin) and Guangzhou (formerly Canton).

"A high point was visiting Penglai, which was known as Tengchow when Lottie Moon had her headquarters and home there from 1873 to 1912,"

Allen said. "The church where she was a member during most of her years still stands. Because of our visit, the authorities had the building reopened. We stood in it and prayed and recalled the history of the church."

A monument inside the church that was erected by Chinese Christians in 1915 in honor of Moon has been "miraculously preserved," Allen said. "Only the word 'American' was defaced during the Cultural Revolution."

Otherwise, the monument to Moon and a marker honoring Martha Foster Crawford, a missionary who preceded Moon, remain "unscathed by time," Allen said.

But even more exciting, she said, was that "authorities assured us that when the local Christians wish to use the building for worship, they may."

Another high point for the group, Allen said, was visiting Shaling, the village near Pingdu where Moon was

"the first woman of any mission ever to open a mission station in the interior."

"The first of four churches begun in Pingdu under her ministry was located there. We saw the site of that church building, built by the local Christians following Lottie Moon's philosophy of church development."

Although the building fell down in the 1950s, Christians remain in the village, and they still meet together and worship."

The group also found and talked with the grand-nephew of Moon's first convert in Pingdu — a man by the name of Dan. "We were thrilled to learn that the Dan family has continued to be Christians," Allen said.

Nearby, they saw the threshing floor where Moon first taught the Shaling people. "The wheat harvest was in progress while we were there," Allen said.

"It was so very reminiscent of her

writings. In fact, to me, the wheat became the symbol of the whole trip. All around us, we saw golden fields, white unto harvest."

From their experiences in "Lottie Moon's China," the group learned several things, Allen said:

— The gospel has survived and grown in China.

— The efforts of Moon and other missionaries live on. "Truly, we see that God's work does last forever. We found in every city people who fondly remembered our missionaries."

— Chinese Christian churches continuously are being opened. "These are 'post-denominational' Three-Self churches (self-propagating, self-controlling, self-funding)."

— Most buildings built by Baptists in China still remain. Some have been restored for use by Christian churches. "In Yantai, we attended the Catholic services now being held in the former Baptist church. Most of the hospital and school buildings continue to be used for hospitals and schools run by the government. Some properties are now used to house many families."

Some buildings, such as the hospital and residence compound in Pingdu, are standing unoccupied, as if waiting for Christians to claim them for use."

— Many Christians, especially in the small towns, meet privately in homes, either by preference or because there is not yet an open church.

— The standard of living for the typical Chinese person has been improved greatly. "We saw that people have better diets and shelter and

medical care than in old China. The people seemed happy and hard-working."

Construction work is in progress everywhere. Still, the needs for more housing space, improved sanitation and consumer goods are great."

— The people are warm, friendly and curious about Westerners.

"Everywhere we found people with books studying English. Many are openly interested in Christianity."

Perhaps the most significant of all things they learned, Allen said, was that "the time is ripe for Baptists to visit China, to learn what is happening among Christians there and to let the Chinese know that we are their friends."

Even though the Three-Self Church movement is strong and Christians are independent, "they are very willing to have outside communication and to share with us," she said. "We have much — very much — to learn from them."

Christianity is growing, and the people are exhibiting amazing faith and ingenuity."

The upcoming tours of "Lottie Moon's China" have now become more than a "tourist proposition or a missions education tour, although missions education is very important," Allen said. "Now, it's grown to be an opening for friendship with the Chinese."

Now that the doors of friendship are open, she said, "We should be going through them with all our might."

Non-believers see God's power

MORETAN, Togo — New Christians in an African village were challenged about their beliefs by those who practice traditional African religions. Traditionalists told them one Sunday they would give them three days to pray to their God for rain.

If their God was strong, he would send rain to their dry land. The Christians of only six months were frightened. They thought of waiting for mature Christians to arrive on Wednesday, but instead prayed in their new, simple faith. Rains came Monday and Tuesday.

The Christians asked the traditionalists, "What do you think of our God now?" They answered, "We think your God is stronger than our gods."

Aerobics kindles witness in Jackson

By Lisa Baker

The belief was that if God created the total person, he must want ministry to touch the total person. In November of 1981, First Baptist Church of Jackson, sponsored the first workshop for church exercise instructors — AerobiRhythms. Only two people attended the workshop. Neither participant knew what the word aerobic meant; however, both were willing to learn. Over 5½ years later, that one church and those two participants have grown to 40 churches and 90 exercise instructors in Mississippi alone.

Charlotte Waller was a participant in one of the first exercise classes held at First Baptist. She found that her daily tensions of staying home with two small children were released through exercise. The fellowship with other women like herself was encouraging. She not only took advantage of the church's opportunity for exercise, but decided to minister as an instructor.

Bonita Mullett and Laurie Singletary had visions of ministry

too, only theirs was for the working woman who wanted to exercise at noon. Night classes were already a reality, but exercise over the noon hour would allow extra time for evening responsibilities and activities.

Lois Gambrell got interested in exercise after the birth of her fourth child. She had quite a few extra pounds to shed and through her nursing background she knew that sensible eating and aerobic exercise was the avenue to take. After several months, she had lost 50 pounds and was so ecstatic that she encouraged her neighbor Mary Conner (also overweight) to join AerobiRhythms. Mary was experiencing daily tensions and admits that the nursery for her three daughters was the biggest incentive to stick with the program. Through AerobiRhythms and proper eating, Mary too, lost weight. She and Lois began teaching First Place, a weight loss program at First Baptist for people who want to lose weight or simply learn better nutrition. Through First Place,

Pam Aven, a long time exerciser, lost over 40 pounds. Both Lois and Pam are presently aerobic instructors.

Lois began even another exercise opportunity. She and K. W. Douglas minister of co-eds through exercise. The single men and women especially enjoy the Christian fellowship. Married participants, such as Jimmy Jon and Donna Josey, look forward to meeting at church after work and exercising together. It binds their friendship with one another, as well as with other participants.

Each exercise instructor is unique in his or her ministry. After each workshop, Terri Pigford carefully listens to each song, writing down every word. During the devotional time, she quotes a chorus from a song she taught that day. The lyrics of these Christian songs have helped participants make decisions for Christ, as well as helped Christians to trust Jesus more completely. Janet Newell and Lisa Leavell take notice of birthdays, special occasions, and

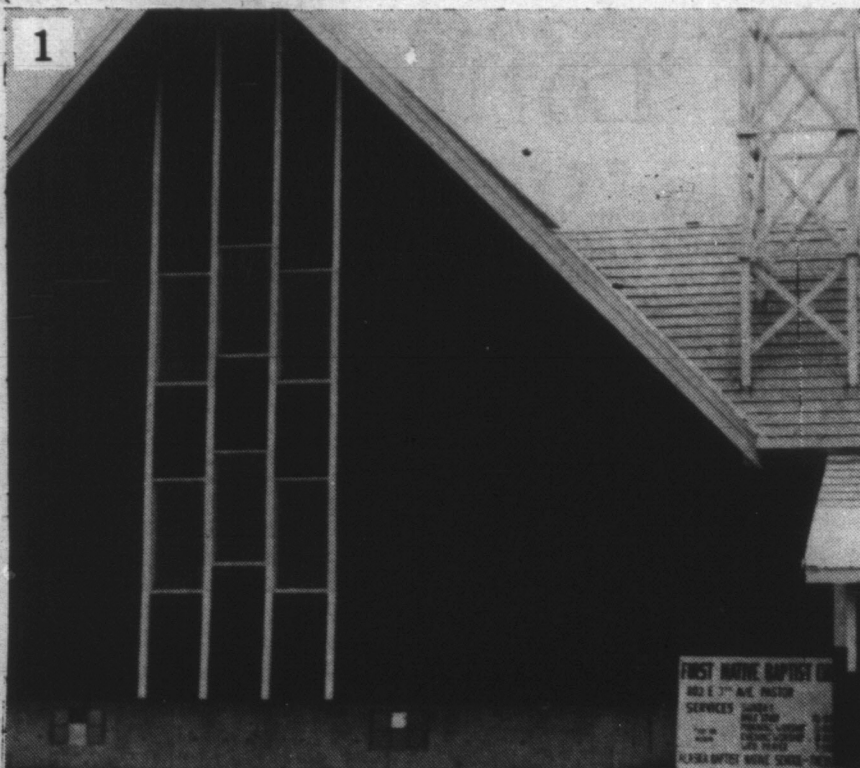
crises within the class. They then make phone calls and send cards expressing best wishes or condolences on behalf of the exercise class.

From two unqualified but willing girls who made the commitment to the "physical," to nine instructors who have various recognizable certifications and continue in their education, First Baptist church has seen ministry to the total person. The instructors weekly see growth in themselves and participants — spiritually, mentally, emotionally, socially, and physically.

First Church hosted the first out-of-state workshop for AerobiRhythms (of Fort Worth) 5½ years ago. Again First Baptist will host this workshop on August 14 and 15, 1987.

Lisa Baker and her husband, Jim, are directors of the fitness ministry at First Church, Jackson. They are accredited exercise specialists through Cooper Clinic in Dallas and the American College of Sports medicine.





Adams-Union spruces up Alaska

June 23 until July 7, twenty-two people from all over Mississippi led by Olyn F. Roberts were in Alaska to do a major overhaul on the First Native Baptist Church, Anchorage. Roberts is director of missions for Adams and Union Associations. Picture #1 is the finished product.

Other churches in Alaska began calling Olyn Roberts asking for assistance from his group. In picture #2 part of the group is seen just after their arrival at Moose Pass 30 miles north of Seward. Elmer Sizemore, director of missions for the area, is at the far left standing next to Fred Parnell who is pastor at Moose Pass and flying missionary for the area. The group scraped and repainted all the outside, built a new porch and steps, put on corner boards, laid tile, installed a new heating system and breaker switch, and built and put a cross on the front of the building.

Three men spent two days at Emmanuel painting most of the downstairs. Olyn Roberts and Houston Howell are in picture #3 in front of that church.

In picture #4 Olyn Roberts is seen on their fourth project where it will take about three more weeks to finish their building.

In picture #5 Ray Boyd from Parkway in Natchez is seen spraying log oil on Sunset Hills. The group brushed all the dirt and grime off before applying log oil.

Olyn Roberts and his group worked on five different projects, and ministered in a total of eight churches. The total cost per person was \$498 round trip air ticket from Jackson to Anchorage, plus \$3.00 insurance, plus \$30 for groceries. A total of \$1,324.37 was raised for materials and \$1,349.37 was spent.



McGregor heads press association committee

By Anne W. McWilliams

Don McGregor, editor of the Baptist Record, has been appointed chairman of the Baptist Press Liaison Committee by Presnall Wood, editor of the Baptist Standard, Texas Baptist weekly, and president of the Southern Baptist Press Association.

The Baptist Press Liaison Committee is the body of the Southern Baptist Press Association that acts in a liaison capacity between the press association and the news agency, which is an arm of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. There is no structural connection between the association and Baptist Press.

When Baptist Press was formed in 1946 for the purpose of being a news gathering and disseminating agency, it was placed with the Executive Committee as a means of providing financing for the agency. The state papers, which make up the Southern Baptist Press Association, are agencies of their various state conventions.

The state papers pay dues to hold membership in the Southern Baptist Press Association, and Baptist Press holds a membership in the association through the same means.

In the past years there has been some amount of confusion with the

term, "Baptist Press." It has been used to apply to the total news efforts of all Southern Baptists, and this is not inaccurate. There is a formal entity known as Baptist Press, however, with its headquarters being with the SBC Executive Committee in Nashville. It has bureaus around the country in offices of other Baptist entities; but in no instance is one with a state paper.

There are 37 state papers in the Southern Baptist Press Association, which was organized in 1926. The director of Baptist Press is Al Shackleford, until recently the editor of the Tennessee paper, the Baptist and Reflector. He succeeded W. C. Fields, who is a former editor of the Baptist Record and is a former pastor of First Church, Yazoo City.

McGregor was president of the Southern Baptist Press Association in 1982 and has spent 31 years in Southern Baptist journalism on the staffs of three state Baptist papers, the Baptist Standard in Texas, the California Southern Baptist in California, and the Baptist Record in Mississippi. Wood noted that the long tenure in Southern Baptist journalism life was a prime factor in asking McGregor to serve in the committee chairmanship.

"Marriage for all seasons" program set for Gulfshore

A fall festival type program of marriage enrichment will be held on the Gulf Coast at Gulfshore Assembly. The conference retreat will make it possible for couples from south and west central Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi to conveniently attend. The sessions will begin with supper Friday night, Oct. 23, and close with lunch Sunday, Oct. 25. The cost per couple for the weekend will be \$135.

Thomas Meigs, professor of counseling and family ministry lecturer from Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, will be keynote speaker and worship leader. Music will be led by Genter Stephens, retired, from New Orleans Seminary, and accompanist, Teresa Thomas, keyboard specialist, Louisiana Baptist Convention.

Conferences will be led by: Dean and Sharon Register, First Church, Gulfport; Joe Trull and Macklyn Hub-

bell, New Orleans Seminary; Ron and Karen Mumbower, First Church, Jackson; Mose and Kathleen Dangerfield, First Church, Clinton; Margaret (Mrs. J. Clark) Hensley, Northminster Church, Jackson; and Ray and Carolyn Wells, family ministry, Louisiana Baptist Convention.

The Marriage Celebration is sponsored by Family Ministry of the Mississippi and Louisiana Baptist Conventions and the Family Enrichment section of the Family Ministry department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

For reservations send check for \$60 to Frank Simmons, Manager, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, Mississippi 39571. Space is limited. A block of rooms reserved in a nearby motel will have to be taken or released by September 10. All meals will be at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly.

August meetings are scheduled to train associational officers

Four associational officers' training conferences are scheduled for August, (not to be confused with May program interpretation meetings.) The purpose of the August meetings is to provide training for all associational workers.

The schedule for these meetings is as follows: August 22, First Church, Oxford: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; August 24, First Church, Brandon: 5:45-9:15

p.m.; August 25, First Church, Winona: 5:45-9:15 p.m.; August 27, First Church, Hattiesburg: 5:45-9:15 p.m.

The Saturday morning meeting will be followed by a complimentary meal. Those attending the evening meetings will be provided a meal at 5:45 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 6:15 p.m.



Bird legs

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I heard a story recently about a college student who needed a small two-hour course to fill up his schedule. The only class that fit into his schedule was Wildlife Zoology. He wasn't too interested in the subject, and he had some reservations because he had heard that the professor was a bit different. But, the class seemed like his only choice, so he registered.

After only one week of class and one chapter in the textbook the professor gave a test. He passed out a sheet of paper. On it were lines that divided the page into squares. In each square was a carefully drawn picture of a pair of bird legs. No bodies. No feet. Just several sets of bird legs. The test was for the students to identify the birds to which the legs belonged. The student was absolutely dumbfounded. He couldn't believe the professor had done such a thing. Besides that, he had no idea what legs belonged on what birds. He sat and stared at the test for a long time. The more he looked at the bird legs, the madder he got. Finally, he jumped up, stomped up to the professor's desk, threw the test paper down on the desk and said, "This is the worst test I have ever seen. This is the dumbest course I've ever taken. I quit!" The teacher looked up and told the young man that he had flunked the test and the course, and added that the student had failed to put his name on the test paper. He asked the young man his name. In response the student bent over, pulled up his pants legs, revealed his legs to the teacher and said, "Why don't you identify me?" I liked this story a lot. It also made me think a bit. Very few people could identify a bird by its legs: oh, maybe a stork, perhaps. Some of us can identify birds by their sounds, or maybe their color. Also, shape is a valuable clue to a bird's identity. In our lives we assemble a group of facts and then we make a decision or assumption. In life we see the evidences and true workings of God. Our faith in God is built on the evidence we see, and hear, and we know he exists. God doesn't have human characteristics, like legs, but I know for sure I can "walk" and talk with him because his presence is evidenced all around me.

QUESTION

There's a person in my office who has done everything possible to make my life miserable. He makes fun of me to other employees, lies to the boss and sabotages my efforts to do a good job. Now he's gotten the promotion that should have gone to me. I'm so filled with anger I don't know what to do. How could God let this happen?

ANSWER

Anger can be a healthy emotion if it empowers us to get busy and do something about the problem. But anger leads to depression if we direct it inward and allow it to turn to bitterness. The best approach is to bring things into the open. Talk with your employers frankly about your disappointment in not receiving the promotion and ask for some feedback on how you can improve as a worker. This may give you a chance to counteract some of the bad information they have received about you. But be careful not to criticize or complain about

the other person — just state the facts and let them draw their own conclusions.

Then look for ways to make peace with the person who has hurt you. The best way is to pray for him, for it's hard to stay angry with someone if you have just asked God to bless him! Look for opportunities to communicate with him in an open and friendly way — not to confront him about these problems, but to find out why he has acted this way. You may find that the safest thing is to avoid him. But the more you can learn of his character, the better chance you will have of protecting yourself in the future.

Finally, lay your feelings before God and ask him to help you handle them. Realize that even though God does not send difficulties on us in a malicious way, he can use our bad experiences to help us grow stronger. He has given humans free will, which means that sometimes we are hurt by the choices which others make. But it also means that we are free to choose how we will respond to what comes our way.

Churches adopt expanded annuity plan

The following churches have adopted the Expanded Annuity Plan of 1988 since those reported in the June 18 issue of the Baptist Record. Adams-Union: Washington; Hinds-Madison: Woodland Hills; Lafayette: FBC Oxford; Lamar: Bellevue; Lauderdale: Macedonia and Midway; Lee: FBC Nettleton; Lowndes: Calvary; Marion: FBC Columbia; Marshall: FBC Potts Camp; Mississippi: Calvary Gloster; Neshoba: Bethsaida; Pearl River: Springhill; Pike: Calvary; Tippah: Lowery Memorial; Winston: Ellison Ridge; Yazoo: Eden.

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Ten years and counting

Hong Kong reverts from British to Chinese rule on July 1, 1997. The Chinese government promises to preserve Hong Kong's social system, including religious freedom and an open

door for missionaries. But some Christians in the colony remain anxious about the future. (BP) PHOTO By Joanna Pinneo

Ministers, wives suffer job stress

By Geoffrey Locks

AMMAN, Jordan (BP) — Ministers and their wives suffer acute stress because of the husbands' jobs, a British Baptist minister told a study commission during the Baptist World Alliance General Council meetings in Amman, Jordan.

"Pressures abound in the ministry," Paul Beasley-Murray said in a paper presented to the BWA Study Committee on Pastoral Leadership.

Beasley-Murray is president of the Spurgeon's College in London.

"In my experience, probably a greater proportion of spiritual

casualties are to be found among pastors' wives than among any other group," he said. "This is compounded by the fact that, by and large, the one person a minister cannot pastor is his wife."

"In some cases, the wife's distress results in the pastor leaving the ministry. In many more cases, the pastor may remain but clearly his ministry is affected."

Beasley-Murray listed several pressures, including those from the denomination itself. These involved time and money, the shortage of skills

in small churches, the fact that churches often seem to find their key leaders move away, the presence of ethnic minorities and even the very systems which are there to "help" ministers, such as fraternals (pastors' conferences) and team ministry.

Fraternals are not always a model of Christian community, he said. And team ministry tends to be a mixed blessing, in England at least. A large proportion (as many as half has been mentioned) end in disaster.

Locks is editor of the Baptist Times, published in London, England.

Faces And Places

by anne washburn mcwilliams

A five-minute vacation

From the plane, the pruned grapevines on the plain around Madrid looked like polka dots in the reddish soil. A few days later, Joe and Lila Mefford and I were driving down the road toward Denia, past the vineyards and wheat fields and olive groves.

"Let's stop and take a five-minute vacation," Joe said, and turned the car into a side road, around a curve or two and over a hill. We got out of the car and walked through wildflowers to the lip of a cliff. When I looked down, I caught my breath. Beneath me shone a blue river, which in its gorge made a natural moat for Alarcon Castle. I looked up to the castle's towers stretching into the

cloudless sky on the opposite side of the gorge. Down below, a curved stone bridge crossed a small bay formed by the river. Beside it stood a red-roofed building that looked a bit like an old watermill, but I couldn't be sure from that distance.

"The castle has a restaurant, and is a bed and breakfast place now," Lila said. But a sign told us the castle was closed for repairs.

"See that high window in the castle wall?" Joe asked. "We were sitting inside it once, in the restaurant. A woman walked past us with a bucket of water, gave it a big swing, and tossed the water out that window!" I wondered how many bucketsful of water through the centuries had thus

fallen past the sheer stone walls and rocky cliff into the water.

For five minutes — maybe ten — we stood relaxing in Spain's sharp bright sunlight, ankle deep in grass and wild red poppies and little lavender flowers that had prickly stickers like cactus. The odor of thyme filled the warm air. Lila reached down and picked a piece of the herb to show me what it looked like.

If we'd gone on down the road and not taken that five-minute vacation, I'd never have known that Alarcon Castle was even there.

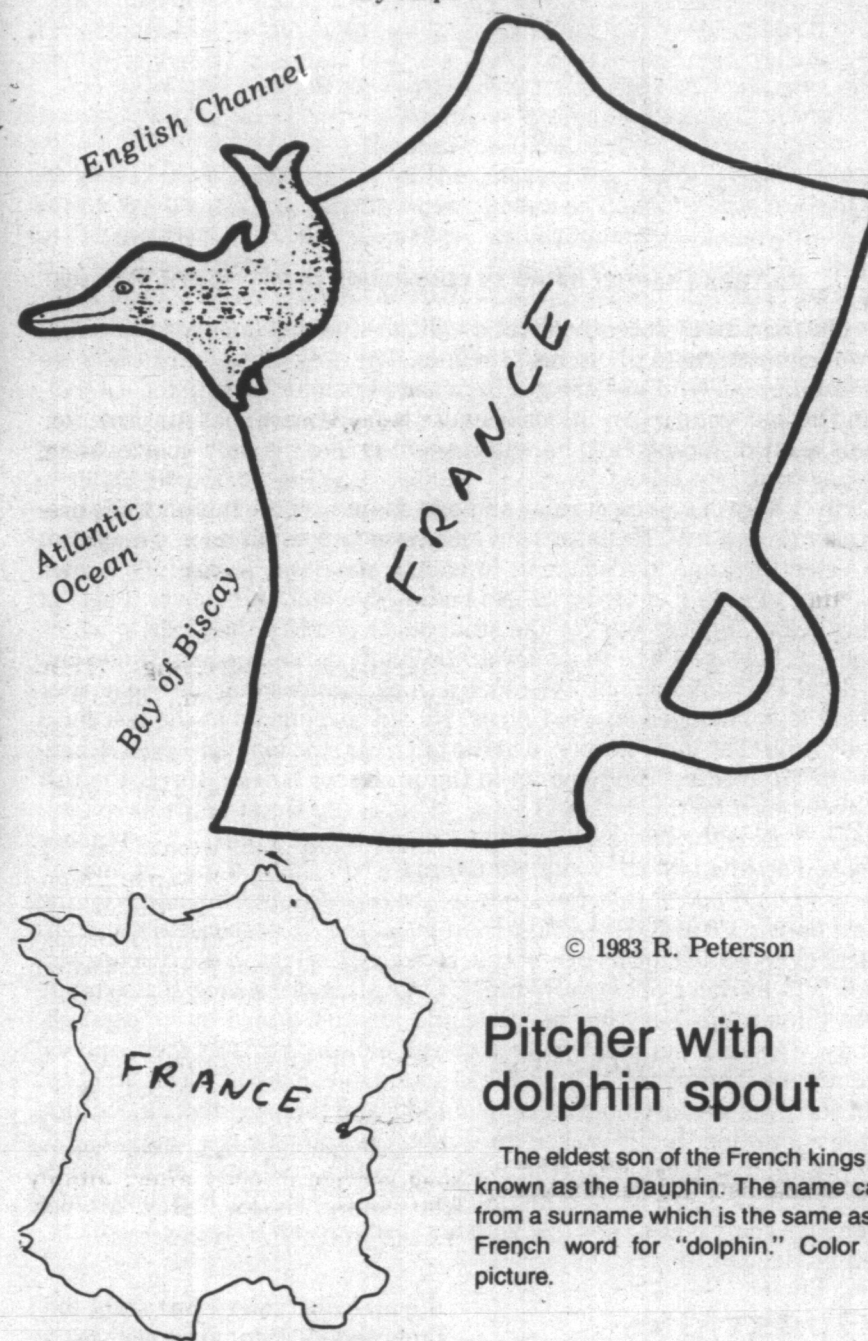
"Indy Whitten taught us to take five-minute vacations," Joe said.

I've decided to take one or two every day.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

GEOGRAFUN: (For Young Readers) Nations and Imaginations

By Ralph C. Peterson



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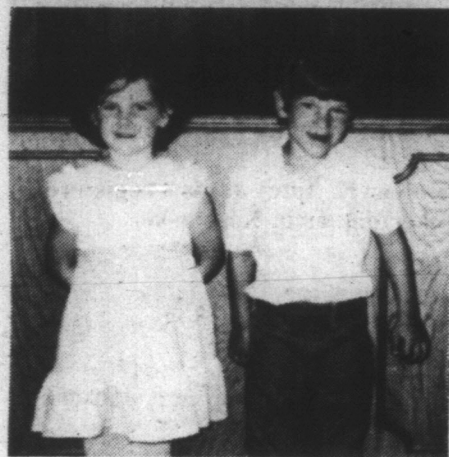
Pitcher with dolphin spout

The eldest son of the French kings was known as the Dauphin. The name came from a surname which is the same as the French word for "dolphin." Color this picture.

Bay St. Louis GAs hold Verse-a-thon

Pen Pal Club

Anyone, ages 6 through 12, who wishes to meet a Pen Pal through the Baptist Record may do that by sending name, address, age, and name of church. Names will be listed monthly on the Children's Page.



Lexie sponsors poster contest

Lexie Church, Walthall County, held a VBS poster contest before VBS in June. The preschool winners pictured above are Lauren Holden, left, and B. J. Dunnam, right.



GAs of First Church, Bay St. Louis, raised \$192.00 for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering by sponsoring a Verse-a-Thon. Each girl learned Bible verses and got pledges from church members for each one they learned.

Pictured, left to right, are Kristy Smith, Jamie Schaefer, Kim Smith, Kristie Pearce, Nicole Smith, and Jessica Bivens.



The Middle Children poster winners at Lexie Church, are, left to right, Dena Dillion, first place; Rachael Holden, fourth place; Billy Dunnam, second place; and Brandon Dunnam, third place.



The Older Children poster winners at Lexie are, left to right, Ben Dunnam, second place; Shay Skinner, first place; and the overall winner, Shane Skinner.

Homecomings

Well folks, it's homecoming day!!!

Them cakes and pies,
You'll want to be a makin'!
Boy, I can smell 'um now,
In the oven a bakin'.

Maters and taters,
Peas and beans,
Lots 'uh good cornbread,
And turnip greens.

Onions and pickles,
My-O-My!
Wish somebody would make
A sweet tater pie.

Now, there will be visitors
from far and near.

Hernando Church, Hernando: August 9; homecoming; note burning; John Alexander former director; Stewardship Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, now retired, guest speaker; W. E. Corkern, pastor.

Center Ridge, Yazoo City: Aug. 16; Farris Smith, Magnolia, morning message.

So bring a little extra,
'Cause they'll be here!

Lots of good singin'
And special guests,
A little bit of preachin',
Boy, that's the best!

Well, in our hearts
There's been a deep yearnin',
That soon, the old church note
We will be a burnin'!

It's gonna happen,
Glory be!!!!

Rock Bluff, Morton: Aug. 2; 10:45 a.m., Wesley P. Miley, former pastor, guest speaker; dinner served in fellowship hall; afternoon singing will feature The Celebration from Morton; R. C. Rice, interim pastor.

Antioch, Columbus (Lowndes): Aug. 2; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship service, 11 a.m.; followed by dinner in fellowship hall; Jimmy Harrington, pastor; Mac Pace, minister of music.

Just be here August 9th
And you're gonna see!

Now, we will all praise Jesus
And thank him, you know!
Let's all get together
And tell him-so!

We'll have a lots of fun
Without any toys.
Hope to see you there!!!

Signed,
One of the Deacon Boys
(at Hernando)

Big Spring (Lincoln): Aug. 2; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; morning worship, 11 a.m.; guest speaker, former pastor, Rick Hammerstrom; dinner on the grounds; singing in afternoon, 1:30; Randy Farmer, pastor; Joey Elliott, music director.

First Ovett: Aug. 2; Sunday School at 9:45; morning worship, 11; Jimmy Manning, guest speaker; followed by fellowship dinner; afternoon service starts at 1:30 with the Magnolia Boys Quartet as guests.

Graceland, Vancleave: 10th anniversary, Aug. 2; activities begin with Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; morning worship, 10:45 a.m.; covered dish dinner at noon; and conclude with a special celebration after dinner; Randy Johnson, pastor.

Oak Grove, one mile north of Hanson scale, Shubuta: Aug. 2; Sunday school, 10 a.m.; morning worship, 11:00; lunch served, 12; local talent singing, 1:30.

BSSB publishes manuscripts

The proceedings of the Conference on Biblical Inerrancy, 1987, is a collection of the papers presented at that conference in May by 36 speakers and seminary leaders. Some of them made more than one presentation.

The compilation was published by Broadman Press, Nashville, Tenn. The book has 554 pages, including bibliography material.

The conference was held at Ridgecrest Conference in North Carolina and was sponsored and coordinated by the six Southern Baptist seminaries. It was a part of the commitment made by the seminary presidents through their Glorieta Statement issued last fall and presented first to the Peace Committee.

Staff Changes

Johnny Breazeale recently resigned as pastor of Corinth Church, Purvis, and has accepted the call as pastor to Corinth Church at Route 1, Heidelberg. He and his wife, Lanette, and daughters Melissa and Melinda, will move to the new field on August 2.

Pine Grove Church, Pearl River Association, has called Tony Lambert as pastor. He graduated from Sumrall



Attendance Center, Sumrall, University of Southern Mississippi, William Carey College, and New Orleans Seminary. He has served Trinity Church, Petal, and for the past six years as pastor of Dublin Church, Prentiss. His wife, Sherry, is a graduate of William Carey. They have two daughters, Lauren and Tori.

When you say that you agree to a thing in principle, you mean that you do not have the slightest intention of carrying it out.

Bolton (Hinds-Madison): Aug. 2-7; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7:30 p.m.; James Richardson, pastor; First, Madison, evangelist; Sun.-Tues., Graham Smith, Morrison Heights, Clinton, music; Wed.-Fri., Jeff Steele, Jackson, music; Wayne Burkes, pastor.

New Zion (Simpson): Aug. 2-5; Sunday services, Sunday School, 10 a.m., worship, 11, dinner on the grounds, afternoon service, 1 p.m. with the Revelations singing in afternoon service; Billy Thomas, West Monroe, La., evangelist; Scott Thomas, pastor.

Center Ridge, Yazoo City: Aug. 2-6; Everette Martin, Warren, Ark., guest evangelist; Mrs. Katherine Barfield, Yazoo City, music; services, 7:30 each evening.

Rock Bluff, Morton: Aug. 3-6; 7:30 p.m.; Barry Corbett, pastor, Pelahatchie, evangelist; R. C. Rice, interim pastor.

Whitesand Church, Prentiss: Aug. 2-7; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Paul Murphy, pastor, Twelfth Street Church, Gadsden, Ala., evangelist; Paul Magyar, minister of music, Twelfth Street Church, Gadsden, Ala., leading the music; Billy Greene, pastor.

Sand Hill, Richton: Aug. 2-5; Sunday, 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed. services, 7:30 p.m.; Keith Cook, preaching evangelist; Ray Jones, music evangelist; Eddie Mallonee, pastor.

First, Louise (Humphreys): Aug. 2-7; Jimmy Russell, Ecru, evangelist; services nightly, 7 p.m.; C. C. Ard, pastor.

Grace Chapel, Brooklyn: Aug. 2-7; Sunday morning service, 11 a.m., followed by dinner on the grounds and afternoon service, 1 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7 p.m.; Ray Wuerzer, evangelist; David Henderson, music evangelist; Frank C. Rice, pastor.

Carson (Jeff Davis): Aug. 2-7; Sunday services, lunch served afterwards; Mon.-Fri., 11:45 a.m., with lunch served in fellowship hall; 7 p.m. nightly; Mike Staton, evangelist; Pat Prestwood, music; Randal Walker, pastor.

First, McLaurin: Aug. 2-7; Sunday, homecoming, 11 a.m., dinner on the grounds; Sun.-Fri., 7 p.m.; T. E. Williams; Stonewall, evangelist; William Smith, music; John Mars, pastor.

Calvary, Columbus: Aug. 2-7; services, 12 noon and 7 p.m.; James Young, minister of music, Calvary, West Point, music; Doyle Cummings, pastor, First, Itta Bena, evangelist; Roy D. Hawkins, pastor.

Goodwater (Smith): Aug. 2-7; Sunday services, 11 a.m., dinner at church; Mon.-Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Eddie Bryant, evangelist; Dewitt Pickering, music; W. P. Blair, interim pastor.

Mount Vernon (Newton): Aug. 2-7; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6:45 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Wilson Winstead, pastor, Briarhill, Florence, evangelist; Marion Felton, Newton, music director; Bill Hutto, pastor.

Rocky Springs, (Yazoo): Aug. 7-9; services, 7 p.m., Fri. and Sat.; morning worship, 11 a.m., Sunday, followed by dinner on the grounds with a song service directly after; Jimmy Kettleman, pastor; Roy Maines, pastor, Holly Bluff, evangelist.

Pine Grove, (Simpson): Aug. 2-7; evangelist, Allen Balliet; music evangelist, Don Walker; services, Sunday, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7:30 p.m. Bob Smith, pastor.

Sylvarena (Copiah): Aug. 2-7; Sun.-Fri., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; M. L. Douglas, Wesson, speaking; Mark Hamilton, music; Donald Payne, pastor.

Union (Covington): Aug. 2-7; Sunday services, 10 a.m., Sunday School, 11 a.m., worship services, 12 noon, fellowship meal, 6 p.m., Training Union, 7 p.m., worship services; weekdays, 7:30 p.m.; W. D. Step Martin, evangelist; W. C. Rainey, music directors; Bill Mitchell, pastor.

Kolola Springs, Caledonia: Aug. 2-7; Marion Warren, Euless, Tex., evangelist; Clayton Ledbetter, music; services, Sunday, 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Don Harding, pastor.

Victory, Bassfield: Aug. 2-7; basket lunch after Sunday morning service; weeknight services at 7:30; evangelist, Phillip Duncan, pastor of Mt. Horeb Church, Collins; David Dewease, pastor of Bassfield, conducting music; Mona Dewease, pianist.

First, Byhalia: Aug. 2-7; mornings and noon, evenings at 7:30; evangelist, Buford Usry, pastor of Westwood Church, Meridian; music evangelist, Thomas Lane, minister of music emeritus, Bellevue Church, Memphis; Ken McMillen, pastor.

Holcomb: Aug. 2-7; services Mon.-Fri. at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; evangelist, Gary Black, pastor of Calvary Church, Corinth; Jena Watson of Holcomb Church, will direct the music; Dale Gravatt, pastor.

Tallahoma, Shady Grove-Moss Road, Laurel: Aug. 2-7; Sunday services, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., worship, 11 a.m., followed by dinner on the grounds and afternoon services; nightly services, 7 p.m.; Randy McHann, pastor, Belden, Tupelo, former pastor, Pine Grove (Jones), visiting speaker; N. R. Thornton, pastor.

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A man's judgment is no better than his information.

Deferred gifts . . .

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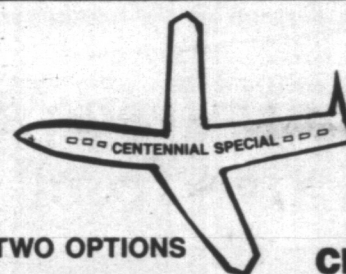
a \$50,000 insurance policy. The deferred gift made through the policy would be 10 times that of the \$5,000 cash gift which could be made.

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Names in the News

Two Mississippians led in this year's Family Camp for the Montana Baptist Fellowship. Tommy Vinson, pastor of Colonial Hills, Southaven was camp pastor. John Alumbaugh, minister of music, First Church, Wiggins, led the music. Malcomb McDow, evangelism professor led the morning Bible studies.

A reception will be held on August 2, at 8 p.m. to honor Lannie Wilbourn and family on their 10th anniversary at Pinelake Church, Rankin Association. J. Hardee Kennedy will be guest speaker at the 10:30 a.m. morning worship service. A commemorative gift will be presented to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbourn at the reception.



Robert L. Smith, pastor of New Hope Church, Foxworth, resigned as of July 19. He is available to supply as pastor or music director. For more information call 835-2448 or write, Robert L. Smith, Rt. 8 Box 388, Brookhaven, MS 39601.

Athletic director Steve Knight has announced the signing of Jack Jones as the new head tennis coach at William Carey College. His duties will begin with the fall semester.

A Cincinnati native, the 56-year-old Jones went to Carey as a student in January 1986 after retiring as a supervisor with a chemical company where he had been employed for 31 years. Prior to his association with the chemical company, Jones was a third baseman in the Cincinnati Reds organization.

Jones and his wife, Ruby, have two grown children, Matt and Karen.



Scott Alsterberg was licensed to the gospel ministry May 24, by Cambridge Church, Gautier. He is presently in the U.S. Navy stationed at Pascagoula. Alsterberg serves as children's church pastor and church outreach leader at Cambridge. He is available for supply preaching and can be contacted at Cambridge Church, P. O. Box 865, Gautier, MS 39553, or telephone 497-1329.

SBC in identity crisis, claims church historian

By Lonnie Wilkey

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — Southern Baptists are in the midst of an identity crisis, church history professor Bill Leonard, told denominational educators.

Southern Baptists are living during a time when it is increasingly difficult to determine what it means to be both Southern and a Baptist, Leonard, professor at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., said during the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools annual meeting here.

"While theological tensions have become the immediate issue in the Southern Baptist Convention, they must be viewed as symptoms of a wider and more complex identity crisis in both the denomination and the culture," Leonard said.

Southern Baptists developed a close identification with Southern culture after the Civil War, he explained: "Southern Baptist identification with Southern society developed alongside the primary source of identity — the denomination. This denominational consciousness, which had to be protected at all costs as it evolved, provided an increasing sense of unity and uniqueness for churches affiliated

with the SBC. It served to distinguish Southern Baptists from their Northern counterparts and other more independent Baptists of the southland."

But the pluralism of American life tends to weaken denominational loyalties from without, Leonard warned.

"As the South loses its traditional identity, as it is invaded by outsiders and as Southern Baptists expand outside the South, pluralism of belief and experience is bound to occur," he said.

Diversity "has undermined denominational identity with the SBC," Leonard observed, noting the influx of people from the North and East has brought people into the SBC with no experience of the social and religious traditions of the convention.

This influx, combined with the efforts of Southern Baptists to take their faith to pioneer areas, meant people "became Southern Baptists who had never been south of the George Washington Bridge (in New York City) or eaten a bowl of grits."

"They did not, many denominationalists lamented, understand the need to do things the way we do it in our Southern Baptist Zion of the South," he noted.

As a result of the breakdown of

cultural and denominational restraints, theological tensions, long present in Southern Baptist life, became increasingly pronounced, Leonard said.

He said many church leaders have urged the convention to unite around historical Baptist doctrines as a response to denominational and cultural pluralism.

Yet this solution is not as simple as it seems, he noted: "Given the diversity of Baptist theological traditions, precise doctrinal definitions have been difficult if not impossible to construct. In many debates both sides in the convention can claim to represent historic Baptist positions with some validity."

Leonard called on Baptist colleges to help Baptists retain the best of all the traditions. If that happens, "It (the convention) would also pursue a new pluralism by which a people bound by certain biblical imperatives might allow for diverse, practical, even theological, approaches to the evangelical and communal calling of the church of Jesus Christ," Leonard said.

Lonnie Wilkey writes for the SBC Education Commission.

Southwestern grants degrees to five from Mississippi

FORT WORTH, Texas — "Become working models" of ministry, the president of Howard Payne University told 181 summer graduates of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary July 17.

Seminary President Russell Dilday conferred degrees on the class which included five Mississippians.

Don Newbury told the graduates to look to others who are working models, and then become "God's working models" for ministry themselves.

Tommy Alan Jarrett received the doctor of ministry degree. Jarrett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey B. Jarrett of Brandon. He is married to Sandra, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs.

Horace Kerr of Nashville, Tenn. Jarrett will serve as pastor at First Church, Macon, Miss.

James Donald Oliver received the master of arts in religious education degree. Oliver is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Oliver of Hattiesburg.

Clarence Otis Herchenhahn Jr. received the master of arts in religious education degree. Herchenhahn Jr. is the son of Clarence Herchenhahn Sr. of Hattiesburg.

Paul Howard Gray received the master of arts in communication degree. Gray is the son of Jean Fundeburg of Tupelo.

Henry Holmes Farrish received the master of divinity degree. Farrish is the son of Orin Farrish of Doddsville.



Tommy Jarrett, left, received the doctoral degree during commencement ceremonies at Southwestern Seminary, July 17. Russell Dilday, seminary president, is at right.

Hunt named to lead prayer effort

NASHVILLE (BP) — As part of a major Southern Baptist Convention effort to train church leaders in establishing and conducting comprehensive prayer ministries, T.W. Hunt has been named to a newly created position as prayer consultant in the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Training Department.

Hunt, 57, has been a professor of church music at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, for 24 years. He is the author of the 1987 adult Baptist Doctrine Study textbook on prayer and a 13-week Lay Institute for Equipping course, PrayerLife, to be released in January 1988.

Roy Edgemon, director of the church training department, said the

new position has been created to develop a nationwide network of prayer groups undergirding Southern Baptist efforts to share the gospel with every person in the world by the year 2000. He described Hunt as a "leading prayer warrior" in the convention.

He said the denomination has many resources for identifying prayer needs, and Hunt's efforts will be focused on training church leaders to use the resources in conducting a comprehensive prayer ministry that would include missions, evangelism, ministry needs, intercessory prayer and other concerns.

He has dedicated a room in his home to prayer and has kept since

1959 a catalog of his prayers and the answers he has received. He said he has been praying daily for the Southern Baptist Convention since 1976.

Hunt hopes to establish a formal prayer network including as many as 10,000 churches with a goal of involving 20,000 churches by 1995. He believes revival will be the result.

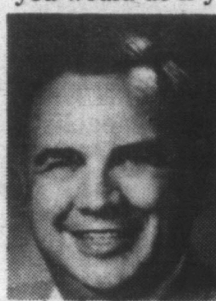
"In Christian history, when a unity of prayer has been achieved, it has always resulted in revival," said Hunt. "I am hoping to get thousands of seasoned prayer warriors to pray for the same thing in the same spirit. God is faithful to his promises, and he will give us that which he has led us to ask for."

Devotional

Getting rich

By Jerry Dale Patterson

When you received that letter from the magazine company that said, "You may have already won \$5,000,000," did your imagination run wild as to what you would do if you really were the winner? Jesus told us a story of a man



Patterson

who gained many of the things most of us would include (Luke 12:13-21). But God called that man a fool. Moreover, Jesus said every person is a fool like that if he lays up treasure for himself and is not rich to God. And I want to be rich. I want to be rich toward God. But, the question is "How?" How can I "lay up treasure in heaven?"

One way you do not lay up treasure in heaven is by investing on things in this earth. Suppose a church really needed a piano. Moreover, suppose a member of that church, at great sacrifice to himself and without ostentation, bought a piano, gave it to the church, and the great need was solved. Isn't this giving it to God and laying up treasure in heaven? The answer is not easy. That piano is used in making the services attractive and encouraging people to come, become saved, edified, etc. But, there is always an element of selfishness involved. He can come to the church, enjoy the music for himself, look at the piano and say (within himself of course), I paid for that. His treasure is here, where he can see it, touch it, enjoy it. I do not say that this type of giving is not needed, but, there is a better way to be rich toward God.

If you want to lay up treasures in heaven, you must do it by investing in things that are going to heaven. All of this world, our houses, churches, everything, is going to be destroyed. The things that are going to heaven are people. So to be rich toward God, I must invest in people. Again comes the question, "How?" Two areas are specifically mentioned in the scripture.

The first of these is in caring for the poor. This was the application Jesus gave to the parable of the "Rich Fool" which I have already mentioned, Luke 12:33. The second is by supporting those God has called into his work. Paul wrote to the Philippians thanking them for a love offering. He told them that in supporting him, fruit would be added to their account (4:17). Moreover, he said the gifts were "a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God" (4:18), and, as a bonus to those who were supporting those God has called into his service, "God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus" (4:19). So, when I support those whom God has called, I become rich toward God, my service is pleasing to God, and not only that, God supplies my needs here as well.

Jerry Dale Patterson, is pastor, Temple Heights Church, Oxford.

Queen Sofia accepts new Bible

MADRID, SPAIN — Her Majesty Queen Sofia of Spain told a Baptist leader she still has the first Bible he gave her and values it greatly. The leader was Jose Borrás, president of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Spain. The occasion was the coffee break during a colloquium in the Department of Contemporary Humanities at the Autonomous University of Madrid to which Borrás had been invited. The topic of discussion was "Man, Faith and Creeds," according to El Enlace, the Baptist Seminary news bulletin of May, 1987. Borrás had the opportunity to chat

with Her Majesty, and to present her a copy of the new Reina Valera Actualizada version of the New Testament, pointing out to her the value of the footnotes as well as the purpose of the new version on which he is collaborating.

Queen Sofia was very pleased with the gift, and recalled that some years ago Borrás had presented her a copy of the Biblia del Oso (one of the first major Spanish Bibles) in the name of Spanish Baptists. The Queen told Borrás that she still has the Bible and values it highly.



Cumberland team works in Illinois

Cumberland Church, Maben, Mission Team spent one week in Peoria, Illinois. The team did surveys each morning and two Backyard Bible clubs each afternoon for H.M. and Pat Cummings. Pictured are Chris Reed, center; second row, 1 to r, Pat Cummings; H. M., Donna Collier, Judy Jackson, Gale Fortner, Elizabeth Nasson, Willie Ree Williamson, Christy Pepper; back row, 1 to r, James Tidwell, pastor, Harvey Kolb, Michael Williamson, Danny Reed, Jim Tidwell, William Roberson.



Pictured are the four visiting former pastors at First, Holly Springs and the current pastor. L to r: Tommy Tutor, minister from 1973-1980, currently at Oakhurst, Clarksdale; Earl Kelly, pastor from 1953-1967, now executive director-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson; Edward Byrd, pastor from 1940-1944, retired now and living in Florence, S.C.; Howard Aultman, pastor from 1944-1953, now a full-time evangelist in Columbia; and Donnie Stewart, who has been pastor at First, Holly Springs since 1980. Clyde Little, the only other living former pastor, was not able to attend.

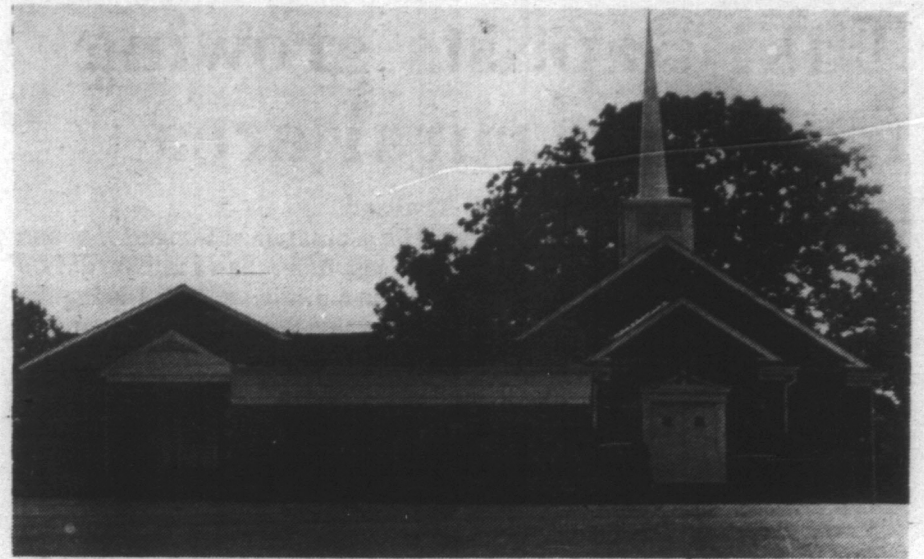
800 attend Holly Springs celebration

Almost 800 people attended the recent Sesquicentennial Celebration at First Church, Holly Springs.

A celebration of the church's 150 years began with Sunday School. Thomas Tutor was the guest speaker. Mrs. Joy Brown Weiner, concert master with the Memphis Symphony, presented a violin solo. Special music was provided by Robert Williams during the morning service.

Earl Kelly presented the 11 a.m. message. Howard Aultman and Edward L. Byrd conducted the afternoon services.

A booklet entitled "A History of the First Baptist Church of Holly Springs, Mississippi, 1837-1987" was published by the Sesquicentennial Committee under the direction of Mrs. Walter Sandusky.



Looxahoma centennial

Looxahoma Church, Senatobia, is celebrating its centennial with an old-fashioned revival July 26-31. Centennial services began Sunday morning at 11 in the sanctuary. Jack W. Gunn, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission, presented a centennial commendation. The morning message was delivered by a former pastor, Arlis F. Grice. A dinner followed the centennial service.

The celebration is continuing with revival services Mon.-Fri. at 7 p.m. Special music each night is under direction of Ronnie Lusher, with preaching at 7:45 by Grice. There will be a fellowship time to follow services at 8:30 p.m. each night. The pastor is Milton Thornton.

Guenther tells educators: AIDS coming to campus

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — Southern Baptist educators are going to be confronted with the problem of AIDS, James P. Guenther told participants at a public policy/legal affairs workshop held here prior to the meeting of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools.

Guenther, a Nashville attorney, told educators: "It is clear AIDS is coming to your campus. College lawyers are busy trying to figure out how to advise their institutions about AIDS."

He noted old statutes are being studied for their application to what he described as the "newest morass" for higher education and told educators they must support any action taken with AIDS victims on their campuses with hard medical evidence.

"Simply an ignorant — as the medical community might call it — fear of contagion will not get you past an AIDS discrimination case. The next few years is going to see this topic on the agenda of preventive legal planning by every college," he said.

Southern Baptist educators also heard from Richard F. Rosser, president and chief executive officer of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, the only

major organization which represents all independent higher education.

Rosser told educators independent educational institutions have a public relations problem for two reasons.

First, Rosser said, all privately-supported schools are perceived as having the same kind of tuitions as Harvard or Yale. Second, some politicians believe all independent institutions are heavily endowed, while, in fact, only 20 percent of private schools have endowments of \$10 million or more, he said.

In regards to financial aid, Rosser noted monetary support from private institutions has grown from \$900 million to \$3 billion in the last four years.

The problem, Rosser warned, is that federal funding is dwindling at private colleges and universities. He said the main reason involves the influence of proprietary schools, for-profit institutions which are designed to teach a trade. These schools are influential because they have a political action committee in Washington which contributes directly to senators and congressmen, Rosser said.

"We have to fight for our share of student aid because it's the critical thing in the budget of practically every school," he said.

Salem pastor in ICU in Houston

The pastor of Salem Church, Covington Association, Larry Springfield, has leukemia. He has been in M. D. Anderson Hospital, Houston, Texas for several weeks. His condition became worse Sunday night, July 19, and he was moved to ICU.

Senior Adult Corner

The senior adults of Covington and Jefferson Davis Counties held a summer luncheon, July 16 in the association's Family Life Center, with five churches represented.

Mrs. Tom Myers had charge of the program; the theme was centered around food. The tables were decorated with fresh vegetables. Games pertained to food. James F. Polk gave a devotion entitled "Food For The Soul."

Tom Mercier, minister of music, Prentiss Church, led the group singing, accompanied by Mrs. Debbie Cone from Rock Hill Church.

Dan Hall, director of Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Tom Mercier sang a duet, "In The Garden."

Kenneth Stringer, director of missions, gave a tour of the new building.

Sunday School leaders said 'associate pastors'

By Frank Wm. White

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP) — Sunday School leaders are associate pastors, Gary Young has emphasized to workers at the church where he is pastor, and in the past year they have been called on to fulfill that role as never before. Young is pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Phoenix, Ariz.

Young talked about the role of Sunday School workers during a Sunday School Leadership Conference at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center where he was preacher for the week.

As a member of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Young was named in September 1986 to chair a special committee to study the convention's relationship to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

The report of the group was adopted last month by the Executive Committee and messengers to the SBC annual meeting in St. Louis.

Young said the committee assignment took at least one full day each week. The 10 committee meetings each required at least three days. As chairman, Young had additional meetings related to the assignment.

"I had to rely on Sunday School workers to carry on the hospital ministry and other care ministries. I never visited half my members who were in the hospital in the past year. But they were visited and cared for," Young said.

When I was named chairman of the study committee, I asked the Sunday School workers for very special help, he continued. "I told them I needed to rely on my 120 associate pastors."

Young said it was gratifying to see Sunday School workers follow through in meeting the needs of people. "They learned that the Sunday School really is the church organized to carry out the work of Christ," he said.

Other staff members encountered the caring ministry of the Sunday

School. When the wife of the church's minister of music gave birth prematurely, the couple's adult Sunday School class stepped in to help the family, Young explained.

Now that Young is back full-time with the church, he said he has no intention of taking back the responsibilities Sunday School workers have assumed: "I wouldn't dare take that away from them. There are so many other things I can be doing."

As conference preacher, Young told conferees that Jesus had a ministry of touching lives and changing people. "If we are doing his ministry, the agenda of our Sunday schools needs to be touching lives and changing people also," he said.

Frank Wm. White writes for the Sunday School Board.

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Texas governor won't lobby for lottery

DALLAS (BP) — Texas Gov. Bill Clements assured religious leaders in a July 7 meeting that he would not try to persuade state legislators to approve a lottery.

Clements discussed the lottery in a private meeting with Jimmy Draper, pastor of First Baptist Church of Euless; Ed Young, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Houston; Harold O'Chester, pastor of Allandale Baptist

Church in Austin; Gary McNeil, legislative assistant with the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission; and Richard Freeman, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Waco and member of the Bishops' Task Force Against Legalized Gambling.

Also present in the meeting was Richard Land of Criswell College in Dallas, special assistant to the governor on moral issues and church/state

concerns.

Throughout both the regular and special sessions of the Texas Legislature, Clements has maintained a position of official neutrality on the lottery. However, during the regular session he met privately with several legislators, trying to persuade them to vote for the measure. He assured the ministers on July 7 he would not do so again.

Thai Baptists growing fastest in rural area

BANGKOK, Thailand — Baptist work in Thailand is growing much faster in rural areas than in cities and towns, according to figures from a recent Southern Baptist church-growing survey.

Compiled by missionary Bill Smith, survey statistics show in rural churches there are about 10 members now for every one member in 1970, reflecting a growth rate of about 895 percent from 1970 to 1985.

In contrast, during the same period membership increased 79 percent in Bangkok, the capital city, and 69 percent in towns. The number of churches doubled in Bangkok but nearly tripled in rural areas.

Missionaries who develop churches in Thailand were not wholeheartedly rejoicing at the figures. "It is a sinful shame that so few have been reached by Baptist work," said Ron Hill, this year's coordinator for Southern Baptist church starter missionaries in

Thailand.

The population of Bangkok swelled from just more than 2 million in 1970 to about 5 million in 1985. During the same period Baptist church membership in the city grew from 517 to 927, an average increase of 4 percent annually. For the past three years, the number of preaching points in Bangkok has declined steadily, Hill said.

Overall, the Thailand Baptist Churches Association has grown steadily, the survey shows. From about 400 members in 1962, membership has doubled twice and now stands at more than 2,100. Missionaries expect membership to double a third time by the early 1990s.

"There is every sign of a spiritual awakening in the rural population," Hill said. "The phenomenal growth, both in actual membership and in new church starts on the rural scene, indicates an openness to the gospel that should be harvested."

Mississippi pastor included in new preaching volume

NASHVILLE — Frank Pollard, pastor of First Church, Jackson, is among 49 contributors from 19 states to a new compilation of *Southern Baptist Preaching Today* from Broadman Press.

The 49 persons in the book have a combined experience totaling 645 years, and 19 of the pastors have been at their present church for 15 or more years.

Four presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention who have sermons in *Southern Baptist Preaching Today* are W. A. Criswell, Dallas, Charles Stanley, Atlanta, Adrian Rogers, Memphis, and Jimmy Draper, Euless, Texas. Peace Committee chairman Charles Fuller, Roanoke, Va., also has a sermon in the book.

Others included in the 600-page book are Richard Jackson, Phoenix, Ariz., Jess Moody, Van Nuys, Calif.,

John Sullivan, Shreveport, La., Fred Wolfe, Mobile, Ala., Alton McEachern, Greensboro, N.C., Cecil Sherman, Fort Worth, Texas, Edwin Young, Houston, Texas, and Peter James Flamming, Richmond, Va.

In addition to a sermon from each of the contributors, there is a 68-page section where each pastor offers recommendations on sermon preparation based on personal experience. A brief biographical sketch of each contributor also is included at the end of the book.

R. Earl Allen, pastor of Rosen Heights Baptist Church, Fort Worth, for more than 30 years, and Joel Gregory, pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, served as compilers of the book, which is available in Baptist Book Stores, for \$11.95. Sermons by Allen and Gregory also are included in the book.

Just for the Record



Lexie Church, Waltham County celebrate Father's Day by recognizing high attendance fathers and holding a cake-bake contest. Pictured (left) are Ronnie Johnson (left), Church Training Father of the Year, and Jerry Conerly (right), Sunday School Father of the Year. Participants in the Cake-Bake Contest are



(left to right) Major Johnson, Ford Martin, Jimmy Holden, Greg Hill, Edward Pogue, Emmitt Kennedy, Harold Dillon, Mac Conerly, Nolan Rayborn, and Jerry Conerly. Winners were Major Johnson, first place; Mac Conerly, second place; Nolan Rayborn, third place.



Acteans at Woodville Church recently held a recognition service, "Diamonds By Design." Pictured, from right to left, are Queens: Denise McCurley, Jennifer Whetstone, Mary David; Queens with Scepter: Rhonda Sharp, Mona Lynn Whitaker, Teresa McCurley, and Tammy Carter.



Mississippi Baptist Medical Center's newly elected BSU president Sharon Magee, a second year radiography student, meets with Lu Larding, assistant administrator (left), and Kathy Bearden, director of student affairs (right), about plans for the upcoming year. A campuswide retreat at Rice Acres is planned for the respiratory therapy, radiography, and medical technology students, Sept. 1, and the student council will go on an all-day retreat, Sept. 12. A statewide Baptist student nursing fellowship is scheduled for Sept. 19. Speaking during Religious Emphasis Week, Oct. 21-23, will be Don Rhymes of First Church, Jackson. Jo Flowers will be teaching a Bible class to students during the fall. For the third consecutive year Susan Horton, a Mississippi College student, will be leading a student singing group. The students plan to continue a visitation program which began last year.

The Mississippi Baptist Hospital/Gilfoy School of Nursing alumni reunion will be Saturday, August 1, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center. A bronze statue of a nurse, sculpted by Sam Gore of Mississippi College, will be unveiled at 9 a.m. The statue represents the nurses who attended the school and will be a part of the museum which was assembled two years ago. The evening events begin at 5 p.m. and will be at the Ramada Renaissance. If anyone knows the address of an alumnus, please notify Brenda Castleberry, president, or Laverne Barnes, secretary/treasurer, at 968-1000.

"Cardiac Rebounders," a support group organized by Mississippi Baptist Medical Center's Cardiac Rehabilitation Department, will meet Monday, August 3, at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth floor of the Imaging Center at 1405 North State Street. The meeting will be at 6:30 to allow time for the American Heart Association-approved covered dish supper. Anyone who has ever been a cardiac patient or is the spouse of a cardiac patient is invited. To register call 968-3090.

Pineview Church, Paul B. Johnson State Park, Hattiesburg, lay renewal weekend, July 31-Aug. 2. Starting with a covered dish supper, July 31 and Sat. Aug. 1 at 6:30. Services, each evening at 7:30 with Sunday morning services, 9:45 and 10:55 and evening service, 6 p.m.

Summer youth decisions top last year's totals

NASHVILLE (BP) — More than 4,000 young people attended "Summer Youth Celebrations" in June at Glorieta (N.M.) and Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Centers, where 1,165 public decisions for Christ were made.

About one-fourth, or 496, of the 1,940 youths attending Glorieta June 6-12, made professions of faith in Christ, rededications, vocational or other decisions, said Clyde Hall, manager of the youth section in the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church training department, which sponsors the events.

A week later, nearly one-third, or 669, of the 2,199 young people attending a similar conference at Ridgecrest made decisions, he said.

At Glorieta, 318 youths made rededications; 93, professions of faith; 44, church-related vocations; and 41, other types of decisions.

At Ridgecrest, 87 made professions of faith; 487, rededications; 34, church-related vocations; and 61, other decisions.

The 1987 figures represent increases in attendance and the number of decisions.

The church training department youth section follows up on all decisions made at the celebrations by writing a letter to each of the youths recognizing and encouraging the decision, Hall said.

The young people are encouraged to make their decisions public at church after they get home so the pastor can follow up appropriately, he added.



DeSoto Church, Shubuta, held a note burning service for its new structure, May 31. The total cost of the building was \$240,000 and was paid off in 16 months. Pictured are Billy Gene Glass, building committee chairman; C. E. Sellers, building finance committee chairman; and LeBron Matthews, pastor.

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